BIG ARMIES CLASH afternoon. Mine operations were attempted by the enemy near Redd-Ut-Bahr from September 12 to 11, but were without success. The operations apparently were under the direction of Ger-IN VIOLENT BATTLE Storm of Artillery Fire FOR VILNA AS PRIZE

Germans Attack in Force East of City. Aiming to Pierce Russian Line.

RAILROAD IS AT

Ivanoff Routs Austrians and Three Positions.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 18 .- A violent battle for Vilna has begun. The Ger mans are attacking in great force east of the city. Several enemy detachments have reached the Novo Vileisk-Mclodechno railway, and are attempting to pierce the Russian lines.

The official statement from the war office early today emphasized the fact that the fighting around Vilna is the greatest struggle now going on along the Baltic-Galicia battle line.

It is not improbable that the Czar will order the evacuation of the city within a few days if the enemy's attacks threaten the envelopment of the armies in that region.

German successes in this fighting and in the region southeast of Orany are offset by Russian victories in the southeast. On a front extending from the region of Deranzo to Trembowla, the troops of General Ivanoff have captured about 3,500 prisoners and have occupied three villages, the Austro-Germans at some points fleeing in disorder.

ing in disorder. The German cavalry is driving for the railway between Molodechno and Polotak. Polotak.

This railroad parallels the Vilna-Dvinsk line, about seventy-five miles eastward. The two railways running south and southeast from Vilna are still held by the Russians, affording means of withdrawing the forces at Vilna should it become necessary.

German cavairy holds a front 115 to 120 miles long in the form of a great bow bending east. The German cavairy is pushing along the railway from Svientsyany to Glubokoi, which extends to within a few miles of the Molodechno-Polotsk line. The invaders are spreading out on both sides of this road and are attempting to cut the Molodechno-Poltosk line at several places.

This, however, does not threaten the Russian retreat, as the railroad running southeast from Vilna to Minsk is strongly covered by Russian forces. Moreover, there remains the road extending south from Vilna, through Lida to Baranovitshi.

PARIS, Sept. 18.-For the first time since the Dardanelles fighting began Past Commanders the Turks are now resorting to mine fighting, an official statement said this

THE WEATHER REPORT.

Rages South of Arras **During Day and Night**

PARIS, Sept. 18 .- "Frequent storms of artillery fire" was the phrase used in official dispatches today, describing the terrific artillery battle waged throughout yesterday and last night on the Quennevieres plateau, south of Arras. She'ls of all caliber were nurled against the German lines. The German gunners replied with a steady rain of fire and shrapnel against the advanced French trenches, avidently expecting an attack. There were minor bomb clashes and rifle fusiliades during the night, but this afternoon's communique reported no important infantry actions. Neuville, Roofincourt, Roye, several sections of the Champagne front, and practically the entire Argonne region were shaken by last night's cannonades. official dispatches today, describing the

Captures 3,500 in Seizing POTOMAC WOMEN TO BEAR G. A. R. COLORS

Leaders of Ceremonies of Women's Relief Corps Plan Impressive Flag Salute.

The Department of the Potomac Woman's Relief Corps, of which Mrs. Mamie Palmer Dorsey is president, wil furnish all the color bearers for the national convention of the organisation here during the G. A. R. encampment. This part of the ceremonles of the secret work is most impressive and in-

spiring, it is said.

In the corps room there are four color bearers who carry handsome, slik nags and who enter largely into the ceremonies. At the close of the meeting the flags are crossed high over the altar while the members give the flag salute. This same ritual is followed at national conventions.

The color bearers at the coming convention will be Mrs. Mary V. Goundle. Phil Sheridan Corps; Miss Evelyn Sims, Lincoln Corps; Miss Jennie Stretch, of George H. Thomas Corps, and Mrs.

tro-Germans at some points fleeing in disorder.

Violent Fighting Begins.

The official statement reporting the beginning of violent fighting on the left bank of the Villia, near Vina, adds significantly that the battle "is likely to develop ere long between the railway districts of Vilna, Novosientsiany, Molodechno, and Vileika." In the region of Lakes Medziol, Naroch, and Swir, cavalry fighting is occurring on a wide front.

Southeast of Orani, the German attempts to advance on the Vilna-Lida railway have been repulsed with heary enemy losses. It is admitted, however, that the enemy occupied the village of Shara.

Germans in Retreat.

"In renewed fighting for the possession of Derazno, we drove the enemy of Derazno, we drove the enemy from the outskirts," said the official statement. "Enemy forces retreated upon the village of Ruda Krasnovie, which was stormed and cartured by Russian troops, who took 2,000 prisoners and four Maxims.

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"Vet" Sends Eagle To Take His Place In Avenue Parade

Col. John McElroy receives many pathetic letters from veterans of the civil war and members of the Grand Army of the Republic, who having marched up Pennsylvania avenue fifty years ago, are now strongly desirous of marching up the Avenue fifty years after. There are hundreds of such veterans who are unable to do so.

The following letter, from George S. Lassell, of 60 Cottage street, Melrose, Mass., one of the old Bay State's homes for veterans, is a sample of many Colonel McEiroy has received. This comrade served on the United States Ships Ohio and Onward, so would naturally be with the naval veterans. He wrote: "Dear Comrade:

"I am sending you a little sample of pathetic letters from veterans of the

ming southeast from Vilna to Minsk is strongly covered by Russian forces. Moreover, there remains the road extending south from Vilna, through Lida to Baranovitshi.

The Russians continue to maintain their positions to the westward in the direction of Orany.

Germans Expect New

British Raid on Ostend;
Plant Long Range Guns

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 18.—The Germans are preparing to meet a new raid on Ostend by the British fleet. New long range guns are being placed along the dunes, sweeping the coast. Dispatches to the Telegraaf today said that many marines and military workmen were killed in the last bombardment of Ostend, and that the city's defense were seriously damaged.

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Of G. A. R. to March With Present Head

The suggestion has been made and

The Weather Report.

The forecast for the District of Columbia—Partly cloudy and probably showers late tonight or Sunday; moderate temperature; light to moderate, variable winds.

Maryland—Partly cloudy and probably showers late tonight or Sunday; moderate temperature; light to moderate, variable winds.

Virginia—Generally fair tonight and Sunday; not much change in temperature; light to moderate, variable winds.

U. S. BUREAU.

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MASON SAYS LABOR STOPS CONSCRIPTION

pire Is Safe and Oppose Imperialism.

By J. W. T. MASON.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.-Inability of the British working men to see the value of increasing the British army Le yond its present strength is playing the dominant part in the anti-conscrip tion which is now causing threats of revolution to be uttered in parliament The British laboring class is ready to fight against any kind of compulsion nilitary or civil, but there can be no doubt conscription would be accepted if the belief were really held that the British empire is endangered because or

There is now no danger at all to Great Britain as British labor is beginning to view the conflict. There certainly is danger to Russia, but it is difficult to conceive the working classes of the Conceive the working classes of the Conceive the working classes of the Conceive the working conscription on themselves to relieve the Cgar of his embarrassments. It is particularly untimely to suggest that British leberalism adopt such a burden at the very moment that the Cgar is trying to crush liberalism in Russia.

The conscriptionists in Great Britain are for the most part imperialists who want compulsory service in order to widen the bounds of the British empire to the uttermost limits before the ware ends. The working men, however, are no longer interested in mercial expansion when the cost must be paid by themselves. They are giving all of their attention to the expansion of human rights at home.

Premier Asquith announced this week in the house of commons that nearly 3,000,000 men are now serving in the army and navy. Probably the strength of the army is 2,500,000. Bince the Britsh empire the army is 2,500,000. Bince the Britsh is oldiers, wounding one of them.

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The communication also asks that this Government take steps to prevent Texas Rangers and United States woulders from firing indiscriminately "upon peaceful Mexicans across the border."

The request is based on a communication which the Carranza agency received today from Jose Garza, Carranza consul at Brownsville, which differs radically from a report received at the War Department from Major Garranzista soldiers from firing indiscriminately "upon peaceful Mexicans across the border."

The comscription and United States to prevent Texas Rangers and United States to prevent Texas Ranger Britain as British labor is beginning to

army and navy. Probably the strength of the army is 2,500,000. Since the Brit-ish empire has made this military contribution to the common cause of the allies, besides keeping the seas free and paying far more than Britain's proporionate cost of the conflict, conscrip-ion cannot be demanded of the United tion cannot be demanded of the United Kingdom by the quadruple entente. This is the way the British workingmen look at the matter. They have just been told Great Britain is paying \$21,000,000 a day for the war, which is probably as much as the payments of France and Russia together. They know the British fleet alone has prevented the Germans from winning the war. If, in addition to this, compulsory service is demanded, British labor will try to throw the United Kingdom into turmoil. The recent strikes in the United Kingdom have shown that the working men will not hesitate to carry out their resolves. They have won their economic demands, and their military economic demands, and their military prejudices will probably be accepted, as

BRYAN TO SPEAK FOR DRYS AND SUFFRAGE Carranzistas Disclaim

Announces He Will Make Series for Europe.

William Jennings Bryan, before going to Europe, if he goes at all, will
talk for the woman suffrage cause in
New York, and will make a series of
prohibition speeches in Ohio. His engagements in both States are for Octaber.

row on "The War in Europe, Its Lessons for Us." He intimated that he would dwell on the perils of pre-patedness as a factor in bringing of the other's countrymen.

patedness as a factor in bringing about war.

Tomorrow evening Mr. Bryan will talk in the church of an old college classmate, the Rev. Julian S. Wadsworth, at Providence. There his subject will be "The First Commandment."

Beyond saying that he would not go to Europe before he had finished his speaking engagements in New York and Chio in October, Colonel Bryan would not discuss his plans for the tentative trip.

MEXICO'S FATE HANGS IN:BALANCE TODAY

British Workingmen Feel Em- Pan-Americans Meet in New York to Decide on Future Course Toward Nation.

> (Continued from First Page.) ish the murtierers. The authorities have promised to comply.
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> Within the last few days as many as three passenger trains have been attacked by bandits between Vera Cruz and Mexico City. Service was entirely suspended after the 14th. The first Interoceanic railsoad train in several days left Vera Cruz on the 15th.

Contradicts Funston. Flisco Arredondo, head of the Carranza agency in Washington, has filed with the State Department a formal request for an investigation into charges that the American soldiers on the border near Brownsville, Tex., made an unprovoked attack on Our-ranzista isoldiers, wounding one of

and one in the afternoor Carranza Report. According to the Carrange agency

here, the following idescription of the fighting was received from Mexican Consul Garza:
"A disagreeable incident occurred yeserday when a clash arose between American soldiers in front of Ramirence American soldiers in front of Ramireno ranch, Texas, situated on the Rio Grande about three miles above the international bridge. The Americans pretended that they were attacked by Mexicans, and were answering the fire. General Nafarrette, commandant at Matamoras, dispatched Colonel Chapa as personal escort to the American consul, Johnston, and jointly they investigated the matter. They report as follows:

"Four Mexican soldiers were taking care of horses at pasture. One of the soldiers was asleep. They were fired on by American soldiers, but the fire was by American soldiers, but the fire was not returned, despite the fact that one of the Mexicans was badly wounded."
At the Villa agency today it was stated that Enrique C. Llorente, Villa's personal representative here, was in New York awaiting the outcome of to-day's Pan-American Mexican confer-

All Responsibility for Battle With Americans

BROWNSVILLE, Sept. 18 .- Carranza officials today disclaimed all responsiof Speeches Before Leaving bility for the two battles near here between Mexicans and American soldiers

The first fight, which occurred a short distance from Brownsville, re-

he afternoon and continued for several Mr. Bryan made this statement this minutes. Two Carranzista officers finally river and ordered the Mexicans to cease firing. It is reported that seventeen meeting in the ball park there tomor-

over Sunday.
While with the Secretary, questions tentative trip.

"If I go," he said, "there will be many details to arrange. But I have not thought it necessary to go into those until I am sure I am going."

over Sunday.

While with the Secretary, questions relating to national defense and the army program for this winter will be discussed.

Realty Transfers

Sixteenth street southeast, between East Capitol and A streets—William A. Boss et ux, to William F. Hattenfield, lot 38, square 1998, \$10 (stamps \$1), niversity Heights—Rebecca H. Pruitt to Howard G. Todd, lots 11 and 12, block II, 310 (stamps \$1.50).

Chevy Chase Terrace—Melville D. Lindsay and Mabel C. Lindsay to James C. Marsh, lot 1, square 1870, \$10 (stamps \$2.50).

Sixteenth Street Highlands—James C. Marsh, et ux, to Mabel C. Lindsay, lot 64, square 2721, \$10 (stamps \$2.50).

Fourteenth Street Heights—Jacob S. Gruver et ux, to Jessie M. W. Irvin, lot 56, square 2918, \$10 (stamps \$4).

Chevy Chase Grove—Fulton R. Gordon et ux, to Frank N. Hagerman, lots 42 and 44, square 2022, \$3,000.

Chevy Chase Grove—Estelle I. Wheeler to Fulton R. Gordon, lot 2, square 2016, \$10.

Burrvilla—Jesse W. Bawlings et ux, to William Mabry, lot \$2, block 6, \$10 (stamps 56 cents).

PROTEST HUGE LOAN

Men Carrying Banners Stand About Morgan Offices Till Policeman Interferes.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.-The German protest against the proposed American loan to the allies became so frantic yesterday that a corps of men carrying a large banner paraded in Wall street and took much pleasure in standing about the offices of J. P. Morgan & Co., at Broad street.

One side of the banner, which was carried by a German wearing a poor imitation of a British army uniform

KING GEORGE and the COUNTRY Needs \$1,00,000,000!

England Is Cheerfully Willing
To Sacrifice
The Last American Dollar!
SO COME ACROSS!
On the other side of the banner
his inscription:

this inscription: WALL STREET'S SHAME! WALL STREET'S SHAME!
When the procession halted in front of the Morgan offices and a crowd gathered. Policeman Maloney told them they would have to keep moving, that they could not stand and attarct a crowd. A young man, who said he was a reporter for the Fatherland, protested, and said he would go to police headquarters and have the policeman discharged. "You may do that, but you can't stand here." said Maloney.
Wall Street laughed at the banner, and after an hour of discouragement the crusaders moved away.

Survivors of Three Army Corps to Meet

To make arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the visiting civil war veterans, the Washington sur-vivors of three army corps will hold metings tonight. Comrades of the Twentieth Corps will meet in the Oxford. Nathan Bickford Survivors of the Fifth Corps will gather in G. A. R. hall. This is the corps which dealt the fateful blow to Gen. R. E. Lee's surrounded army at Appomattox.

The Cavairy Corps, Army of the Potemac, of which Capt. A. B. White is chairman, will also meet in G. A. R.

U. S. S. Kentucky Takes Gunners to Haiti

PENSACOLA, Sept. 18.—The battle-ship Kentucky, on its way to Haltian waters, picked up a machine gun squad of marines here today. It was said that ile American recognition of the new Haitian government and assurances that the latter would agree to a ten-year American protectorate, had greatly clarified matters, there were still disorderly elements in the republic, which might make trouble in the absence of sufficient

'Kidding" Mayor Costly. HAZLETON, Pa., Sept. 18.—"Kidding the mayor" at Hazleton has ceased to be a fashionable sport among prisoners since John Cherbish, forty-five years old, of Harwood, arraigned for drunk-enness, told his honor that he was four-teen years old. He was reprimanded and given five days in the city lockup.

MANY CLERKS GIVEN HALF-HOLIDAY TODAY

Departments Not Officially "Closed," But Several Allow Employes to Leave.

A majority of the Government clerks here had an extra half holiday today While none of the departments were 'closed' officially, in several of them all employes who could be spared were given an extra half-day because of the

Some of the departments decided on the half holiday early in the day, but others held the matter open until the

ast minute. Declaration of the half holiday in the State Department was one of the first official acts of Acting Secretary Polk. At the Interstate Commerce Commission, no discretionary action was taken because of the absence of the commissioners.

CERTAIN NEXT WEEK

Stria Notifies Penfield That

It Will Comply With United

Bulgaria will come into the entente is another question.

"Thme Balkan States are deeply concerned over the reported concentration of the enemy north of Siberia for the purpose of going to the assistance of the Turks. As a matter of fact, no army of the enemy has assembled on the Danube. We have continuous and detailed reports from French aviators or Austria Notifies Penfield That States Request.

The episode of Ambassador Dumba of Austria, is now looked on as almost closed. The case of Consul General von Nuber and of Captain von Papen, the German military attache, remain to be dealt with. But it is expected they will cause no serious trouble.

Dr. Dumba will be recalled by his government on leave of absence. This arrangement is satisfactory to the American Government. It is well understood that he will not return to this country

as ambassador.
Dr. Dumba will depart from this country next week. Secretary of State sador Penfield that Dr. Dumba recalled and that no issue will be raised. Secretary Lansing has already made arrangements for the safe conduct of Dr. and Mrs. Dumba.

Boosters' Club Plans Dance and Minstrel

"The Boosters' Club," of the Builders and Manufacturers' Exchange, will give a dance, entertainment and minatrel a dance, entertainment and minstrel show at the Washington Canoe Club, next Wednesday evening. Bruce Branson, exalted booster: Odell Whipple, chairmen, and C. H. Pardoe, vice chairman, are busy on the program and arrangements. Refreshments will be served "a la booster." and there will be flowers for the ladies.

BERLIN PLANS TO CUT WAY TO BULGARIA

but reports in the English newspapers that Roumania would enter the war on the side of the allies aroused no

Bulgaria having established friendly connections with Turkey, no one doubts in Vienna that the Bulgarian armies would take the field at once if Roumania declared war on the Turks. Allies Lose Bulgaria.

The allies apparently have lost their all employes who could be spared were given an extra half-day because of the hot spell.

The regular half-holiday season fixed by Executive order expired last Saturday, but today department heads were authorized to use their discretion in extending the half-holiday period for the day.

As a result, all employes who could be spared in the Treasury Department, Interior Department, Commerce, Labor and States Departments were given a half-holiday. Employes of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing have half-holiday Employes of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing have half-holiday. Employes of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing have half-holiday contained in the Government Printing Office.

Employes of the Agricultural, Justice, Postoffice, War and Navy Departments were compelled to work a full day, as were those of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and the Washington Navy Yard.

There was some confusion in many of the departments as to what was to be to done, and in many of them employes did not know until well after the noon hour whether they were to work a half day or a full day. Employes of the Department of Commerce were informed yesterday that they would have a half day, and as a consequence, were in a position to arrange household affairs for the holiday.

Some of the departments decided on the half holiday early in the day, but others held the matter open until the last must be the statement of the departments decided on the half holiday early in the day, but others held the matter open until the last must be a still dickering for a slice of Greecian to have no intention of giving up this territory. The Bulgars are so satisfied with the concassions granted by Turkey would such the civenth hour grant all Bulgaria asks in Macedonia, but Greece seems to have on intention of giving up this territory. The Bulgars are so satisfied with the concassions granted by Turkey would such the eleventh hour grant all Bulgaria asks in Macedonia. There is a still dickering for the eleventh hour grant all Bulgaria boubtful chance of winning Bulgaria. Bulgaria is still dickering for a slice of Grecian

Serbia Confident That Attempted Invasion Would Meet Failure

PARIS, Sept. 18 .- "Servia has done her duty fully as an ally," said Mr. Pachtch, the Serbian premier, as quoted by the correspondent at Nish of the Petit Parisien.

"First, she has soundly beaten the Austrians in the field. Second, she has made the concessions asked of her by her great allies in order to bring Bulgaria into the Balkan entente. Whether Bulgaria will come into the entente is another question.

panue. We have continuous and de-tailed reports from French aviators on this point.

"Moreover," the premier added in a tone of deep conviction, "the Serbian army has been reorganized and is well supplied with munitions. It would ren-der most difficult for the enemy a

crossing of the mountainous country. He would require at least 450,000 men to make the attempt. Where would the Germans find them row?" Germans find them now?"

A further large number of troops is reported by the Balkan agency to have been called to the Greek colors. The Athens correspondent of this agency says a royal decree has been issued calling out reservists of the classes of 1586, 1857, and 1888 on October.

Nish Reports Repulse Of Austrian Attempts To Cross River Save

LONDON, Sept. 18 .- Indications that he Austrians, after weeks of preparathe Austrians, After weeks of prepara-tion, are about to attempt an invasion of Serbia, were contained in Nish dis-patches today. The Serbian war office reported the repulse of all Austrian at-tempts to cross the Save river. Serbian artillery has wrecked several Austrian defensive works along the border.

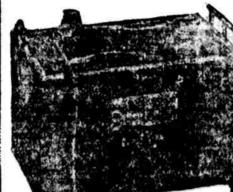
Killed in Fall Off Train.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Sept. 18 .- John In Myers, forty-five years old, Balti-more and Ohio conductor, died from in-juries received in having been thrown from his train at Terra Alia, He was brought to the Western Maryland Hospital here, where his leg was amputated

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THE STANDARD

The development of the entire Chevy Chase section has been on such a high plane that there has grown up what is known as the Chevy Chase Standard.

This has been due to many factors. The plan on which the suburb was built was right. It was not a hit or miss proposition-before a foot of the ground was sold the plan was worked out in its entirety. It was determined that everything must be of the highest grade. Streets were laid out to best preserve the natural beauty-a system of parkings established -shrubbery planted—in short, every con-ceivable thing which would tend to make it "The Best Suburb of the National Capital" was done.

As a result there has been a normal. unforced growth along lines which have insured the future of the section. Today an inspection of any part of the property will convince the most skeptical that Chevy Chase is the place for the home.

Do not make the mistake of thinking that Chevy Chase is reserved for the rich. It is for the refined, but a very modest outlay will finance a home there.